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but I just don't understand this reasoning.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now what's your question?

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SENATOR DICKINSON: Why did we come about the decision of discussing noncontroversial bills on Thursday. Usually that's reserved for Friday.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, because that's what the body determined by 25 votes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Oh, you don't have to have a reason?

SENATOR CARPENTER: No, not necessarily. You have to have a reason, you can get on your feet and object and say what you want to. You shouldn't complain when a majority of the body have determined to do something. We operate within the rules and they are just as flexible as a member wants to try to make them.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, I would question that statement that we operate under the rules. We've been doing everything but that since we got here in January.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's just your opinion. You ought to read the rules.

SPEAKER: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Well, Mr. President, I'd like to correct Senator Carpenter just a little bit because I think when the Speaker took that last vote he was operating outside the rules.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm not operating for the Speaker-- he's on his own responsibility.

SENATOR WALDRON: No, but I said you were talking about the rules and I say I think the rules were violated.

SPEAKER: It's the chair's position that generally speaking, 25 votes controls in this body regardless of any other rules because you usually have 25 votes on a motion to suspend the rules, the chair can so rule but then, can rule that, but then you have to overrule the chair and you always have the right to overrule the chair. Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I just wanted to remind the body that a week from this Friday you're taking a day of vacation and then you are taking another full week off after that so some Friday you're going to have to start working.

SPEAKER: The chair would remind the body, as always, we can undo tomorrow what we did today. Is there any motion to adjourn?

CLERK: We have a committee report, Mr. President. Reads. That's all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: There's a motion to adjourn until 9:00 tomorrow. Or does Senator Carpenter's motion, as he put it, that's the way it will be. All those in favor of adjourning, vote aye, say aye, those opposed no. All right, the chair wants to be fair. All those in favor of adjourning vote aye, those